

199—32.2(476) Substantial part of a public utility's assets.

32.2(1) Unless an application pursuant to Iowa Code section 476.77 and this chapter has been filed or a waiver obtained pursuant to 199 IAC 1.3(17A,474,476,78GA,HF2206), no public utility shall acquire or lease assets, directly or indirectly, with a value in excess of 3 percent of the utility's Iowa jurisdictional utility revenue during the immediately preceding calendar year or \$5 million, whichever is greater. For purposes of this subrule and subrule 32.2(2), "value" means the greater of market or book value.

32.2(2) Unless an application pursuant to Iowa Code section 476.77 and this chapter has been filed or a waiver obtained pursuant to rule 32.8(476), no public utility shall sell or otherwise dispose of assets, directly or indirectly, with a value in excess of 3 percent of the utility's Iowa jurisdictional utility revenue during the immediately preceding calendar year or \$5 million, whichever is greater. However, for utilities for which the 3 percent limit is greater than \$5 million, if the assets being sold or otherwise disposed of are used in the generation or delivery of utility services to Iowa consumers, an application or a waiver is required if the assets have a value in excess of \$10 million.

32.2(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subrules 32.2(1) and 32.2(2), board approval of the following types of transactions is not necessary in the public interest and such transactions are exempt from the filing requirements of Iowa Code section 476.77 and this chapter: fuel purchases, energy and capacity purchases and sales, gas purchases, sale of accounts receivables, sale of bonds, claim and litigation payments, tax payments, regulatory fees and assessments, insurance premiums, payroll, stock dividends, financings, routine financial transactions, operation and maintenance expense, construction expense, or similar transactions which occur in the ordinary course of business; provided, however, that any transaction involving more than 10 percent of a public utility's gross utility assets less depreciation, or any transaction outside the ordinary course of business, shall not be exempt under this subrule. In addition, transactions where board approval is otherwise required in a contested case proceeding are exempt from the filing requirements of Iowa Code section 476.76 and this chapter.

32.2(4) Rescinded IAB 5/26/04, effective 6/30/04.